This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A radio receiver comprising:

a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver;

an electric field intensity detecting means for detecting an electric field intensity of a received signal;

an error rate measuring means for measuring an error rate of the received signal;

a threshold setting means for setting a threshold of an electric field intensity level based on the measured error rate of the received signal ~~to start a gain control operation of the gain controlling means in response to a measured result of the error rate measuring means~~; and

a first controlling means for causing the gain controlling means to start the gain control operation when the electric field intensity detected by the electric field intensity detecting means reaches the threshold of the electric field intensity level ~~which starts the gain control operation~~.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A radio receiver for receiving a signal having a signal format that is transmitted while changing transmission conditions into two types or more, comprising:

a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver;

an electric field intensity detecting means for detecting an electric field intensity of a received signal;

a threshold setting means for setting a threshold of an electric field intensity level ~~to start a gain control operation of the gain controlling means in response to a~~ based on the transmission condition of the received signal; and

a first controlling means for causing the gain controlling means to start the gain control operation when the electric field intensity detected by the electric field intensity detecting means reaches the threshold of the electric field intensity level ~~which starts the gain control operation~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A radio receiver for receiving a signal having a signal format that is transmitted while changing transmission conditions into two types or more, comprising:

a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver;

a gain control amount setting means for setting a gain control amount of the gain controlling means in response to ~~a~~ the transmission condition of the received signal; and

a second controlling means for causing the gain controlling means to change a gain in response to the gain control amount.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A radio receiver according to any one of claims 1, ~~2,~~ 3 or 4, wherein the gain controlling means is a step-wise gain control type which changes the gain by a predetermined amount when a signal level of the received signal exceeds a predetermined level.

Claim 6 (original) A radio receiver according to any one of claims 1 or 3, wherein the gain controlling means is a continuous gain control type which changes the gain in response to a signal level of the received signal.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A radio receiver according to claim 1, wherein the threshold setting means decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the threshold ~~thereshold~~ of the electric intensity level in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception and a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception.

Claim 8 (original): A radio receiver according to claim 1, wherein the threshold setting means decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the threshold of the electric field intensity level in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception, a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception, the threshold of electric field intensity level set in a present reception, and a set value of the threshold of electric intensity level in the preceding reception.

Claim 9 (original): A radio receiver according to any one of claims 1, 7 or 8, further comprising:

a threshold range setting means for setting an available set range of the threshold of electric intensity level, which is defined by a maximum value and a minimum value.

Claim 10 (original): A radio receiver according to any one of claims 1, 7 or 8, wherein the threshold setting means does not change a setting of the threshold of electric intensity level when the threshold of electric intensity level is more than the maximum value or is less than the minimum value of the available set range and a measured result by the error rate measuring means is less than a predetermined value.

Claim 11 (original): A radio receiver according to any one of claims 7 or 8, further comprising:

a storing means for updating/holding the measured result by the error rate measuring means in the present reception as a measured result by the error rate measuring means in the preceding reception, updating/holding the threshold of electric intensity level set in the present reception as the set value of the threshold of electric intensity level in the preceding reception, and updating/holding the threshold of electric intensity level set by the threshold setting means in the present reception as the threshold of electric intensity level set in a succeeding reception.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A radio receiver ~~according to claim 2~~, comprising:

a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver;

an error rate measuring means for measuring an error rate of the received signal;

a gain control amount setting means for setting a gain control amount of the gain controlling means in response to the error rate; and

a second controlling means for causing the gain controlling means to change ~~a~~ the gain in response to the gain control amount, wherein

the gain control amount setting means decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the gain control amount in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception and a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A radio receiver ~~according to claim 2~~, comprising:

a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver;

an error rate measuring means for measuring an error rate of the received signal;

a gain control amount setting means for setting a gain control amount of the gain controlling means in response to the error rate; and

a second controlling means for causing the gain controlling means to change ~~a~~ the gain in response to the gain control amount, wherein

the gain control amount setting means decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the gain control amount in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception, a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception, the gain control amount set in a present reception, and a set value of the gain control amount in the preceding reception.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A radio receiver according to any one of claims ~~2,~~ 12 or 13, further comprising:

a gain control amount range setting means for setting an available set range of the gain control amount, which is defined by a maximum value and a minimum value.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A radio receiver according to any one of claims ~~2,~~ 12~~,~~ or 13, wherein the gain control amount setting means does not change a setting of the gain control amount when the gain control amount is more than ~~the~~ a maximum value or is less than ~~the~~ a minimum value of the available set range and a measured result by the error rate measuring means is less than a predetermined value.

Claim 16 (original): A radio receiver according to any one of claims 12 or 13, further comprising:

a storing means for updating/holding the measured result by the error rate measuring means in the present reception as a measured result by the error rate measuring means in the preceding reception, updating/holding the gain control amount set in the present reception as the set value of the gain control amount in the preceding reception, and updating/holding the gain control amount set by the gain control amount setting means in the present reception as the gain control amount set in a succeeding reception.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A radio receiving method used for a radio receiver including a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver, an electric field intensity detecting means for detecting an electric field intensity of a received signal, and an error rate measuring means for measuring an error rate of the received signal, comprising:

an error rate measuring step of measuring the error rate in the receiving step by the error rate measuring means;

a threshold setting step of setting a threshold of electric intensity level based on the measured error rate of the received signal; ~~to start a gain control operation of the gain controlling means in response to a measured result of the error rate measuring means~~; and

a first controlling step of causing the gain controlling means to start the gain control operation when the electric field intensity detected by the electric field intensity detecting means reaches the threshold of electric intensity level.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A radio receiving method according to claim 17, further comprising:

a receiving step of performing a reception at the set threshold of the electric intensity level;

~~an error rate measuring step of measuring the error rate in the receiving step by the error rate measuring means; and~~

wherein the threshold setting step decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the threshold of electric intensity level in a succeeding reception

based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception and a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A radio receiving method according to claim 17, further comprising:

a receiving step of performing a reception at the set threshold of electric intensity level;

~~an error rate measuring step of measuring the error rate in the receiving step by the error rate measuring means; and~~

wherein the threshold setting step decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the threshold of electric intensity level in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception, a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception, the threshold of electric intensity level set in a present reception, and a set value of the threshold of electric intensity level in the preceding reception.

Claim 20 (original): A radio receiving method according to any one of claims 17, 18 or 19, further comprising:

a threshold range setting step of setting an available set range of the threshold of electric intensity level, which is defined by a maximum value and a minimum value.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A radio receiving method according to any one of claims 17, 18 or 19, wherein the threshold setting step does not change a setting of the threshold of electric intensity level when the threshold of electric intensity level is more than ~~the~~ a maximum value or is less than ~~the~~ a minimum value of the available set range and a measured result by the error rate measuring means is less than a predetermined value.

Claim 22 (original): A radio receiving method according to any one of claims 18 or 19, further comprising:

a storing step of updating/holding the measured result by the error rate measuring means in the present reception as a measured result by the error rate measuring means in the preceding reception, updating/holding the threshold of electric intensity level set in the present reception as the set value of the threshold of electric intensity level in the preceding reception, and updating/holding the threshold of electric intensity level set by the threshold setting means in the present reception as the threshold of electric intensity level set in a succeeding reception.

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Claim 23 (cancelled).

Claim 24 (currently amended): A radio receiving method ~~according to claim 23, further comprising:~~ used for a radio receiver including a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver, and an error rate measuring means for measuring an error rate of the received signal, comprising:

a gain control amount setting step of setting a gain control amount of the gain controlling means in response to a measured result of the error rate measuring means;

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a second controlling step of causing the gain controlling means to change a gain in response to the gain control amount;

a receiving step of performing a reception at the set gain control amount; and

an error rate measuring step of measuring the error rate in the receiving step by the error rate measuring means; and

wherein the gain control amount setting step decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the gain control amount in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception and a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A radio receiving method ~~according to claim 23, further comprising:~~ used for a radio receiver including a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver, and an error rate measuring means for measuring an error rate of the received signal, comprising:

a gain control amount setting step of setting a gain control amount of the gain controlling means in response to a measured result of the error rate measuring means;

a second controlling step of causing the gain controlling means to change a gain in response to the gain control amount;

a receiving step of performing a reception at the set gain control amount; and

an error rate measuring step of measuring the error rate in the receiving step by the error rate measuring means; and

wherein the gain control amount setting step decides a change direction and/or a change amount of the gain control amount in a succeeding reception based on a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a present reception, a measured result by the error rate measuring means in a preceding reception, the gain control amount set in a present reception, and a set value of the gain control amount in the preceding reception.

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Claim 26 (currently amended): A radio receiving method according to any one of claims ~~23,~~ 24 or 25, further comprising:

a gain control amount range setting step of setting an available set range of the gain control amount, which is defined by a maximum value and a minimum value.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A radio receiving method according to any one of claims ~~23,~~ 24 or 25, wherein the gain control amount setting step does not change a setting of the gain control amount when the gain control amount is more than the maximum value or is less than the minimum value of the available set range and a measured result by the error rate measuring means is less than a predetermined value.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A radio receiving method according to any one of claims 24~~,~~ or 25, further comprising:

a storing step of updating/holding the measured result by the error rate measuring means in the present reception as a measured result by the error rate measuring means in the preceding reception, updating/holding the gain control amount set in the present reception as the set value of the gain control amount in the preceding reception, and updating/holding the gain control amount set by the gain control amount setting means in the present reception as the gain control amount set in a succeeding reception.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A radio receiving method used for a radio receiver which includes a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver and an electric field intensity detecting means for detecting an electric field intensity of a received signal and also receives a signal having a signal format that is transmitted while changing transmission conditions into two types or more, comprising:

a threshold setting step of setting a threshold of an electric intensity level to start a gain control operation of the gain controlling means in response to ~~a~~ the transmission condition of the received signal; and

a first controlling step of causing the gain controlling means to start the gain control operation when the electric field intensity detected by the electric field intensity detecting means reaches the threshold of the electric intensity level.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A radio receiving method used for a radio receiver which includes a gain controlling means for controlling a gain of the radio receiver and also receives a signal having a signal format that is transmitted while changing transmission conditions into two types or more, comprising:

a gain control amount setting step of setting a gain control amount of the gain controlling means in response to ~~a~~ the transmission condition of the received signal; and

a second controlling step of causing the gain controlling means to change a gain in response to the gain control amount.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium for storing a program which causes a computer to execute a radio receiving method set forth in any one of claims 17, 18, 19, ~~23,~~ 24, 25, 29 or 30.